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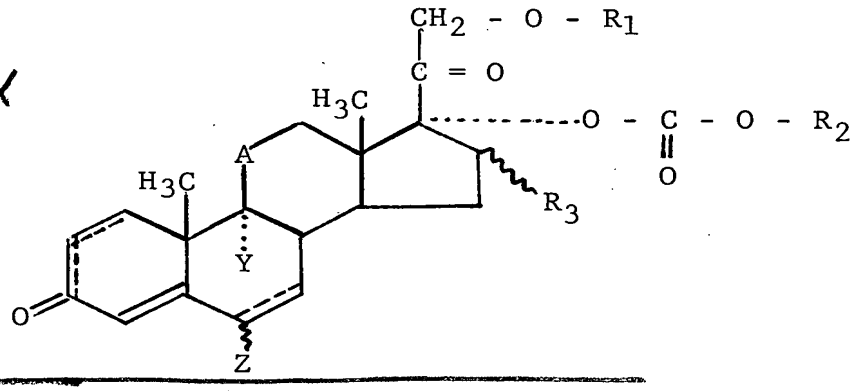
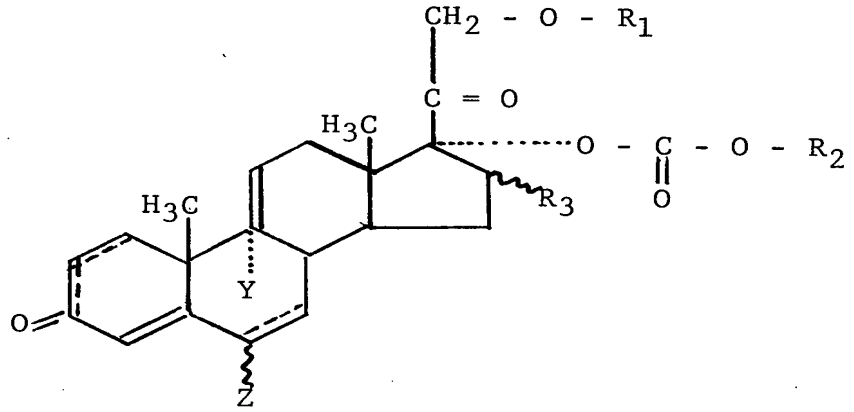
Cancel Claims 1-5 and rewrite as following new Claims 6-25.

6. A compound selected from the group consisting of compounds of the formula



wherein A is C...H, C...H, C...OH, or C = O, and compounds of the formula



wherein

Y is hydrogen, fluorine, or chlorine;

Z is hydrogen, chlorine, fluorine, or methyl;

R_3 is hydrogen, fluorine, α-methyl, monofluoromethyl, or difluoromethyl;

R_2 is alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms; and

R_1 is acyl of the formula

T1410X

$$-\overset{O}{\overset{\|}{C}}-(CH_2)_n-R_4$$

wherein R_4 is hydrogen, alkyl having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, or cycloalkyl having 3 to 8 carbon atoms and n is a number from 0 to 4, or

R_1 is carbonyloxyalkyl of the formula

T1411X

$$-\overset{O}{\overset{\|}{C}}-O-(CH_2)_n-R_4$$

wherein n is 0 or 1 and R_4 is as earlier defined except that R_4 is other than hydrogen when n is 0, or

R_1 is

T1412X

$$-\overset{O}{\overset{\|}{S}}(=O)-R_5$$

wherein R_5 is alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, phenyl, methylphenyl, ethylphenyl, fluorophenyl, bromophenyl, or chlorophenyl.

2. A compound as in ~~Claim 6~~ 1 wherein R_1 is

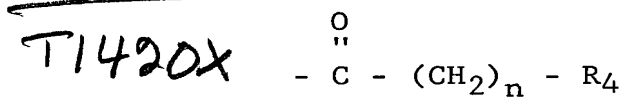
T1413X

$$-\overset{O}{\overset{\|}{C}}-(CH_2)_n-R_4$$

and R_4 is hydrogen.

(3) A compound as in Claim 1 wherein R_1 is

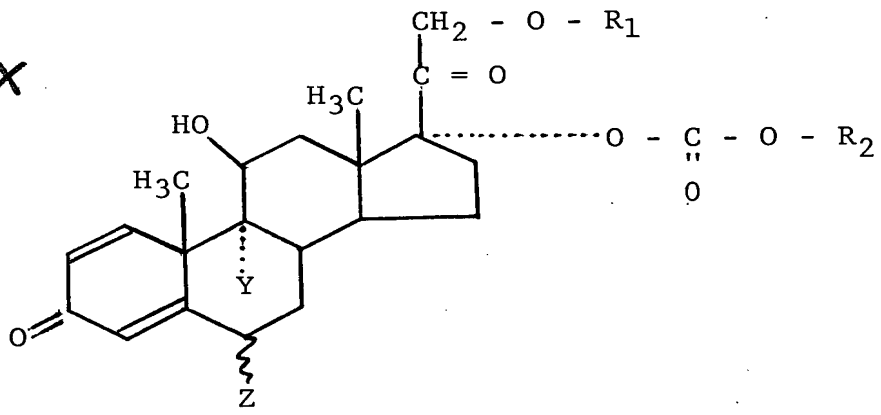
T1420X



and R_4 is alkyl having 1 to 10 carbon atoms.

(4) A compound as in Claim 1 of the formula

T1421X



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(5) A compound as in Claim 1 of the formula

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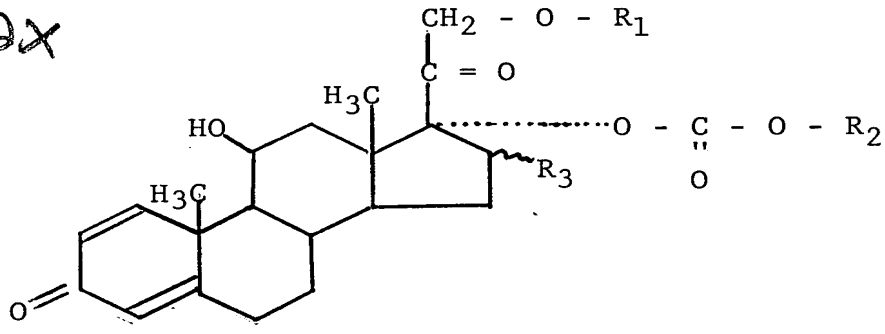

(1. 6 ~~11.~~ A compound as in Claim 1 ~~6~~ of the formula

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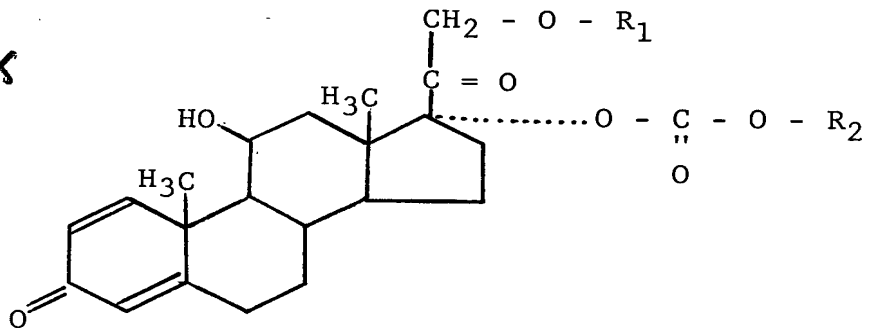

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7 ~~12.~~ A compound as in Claim 1 ~~6~~ which is prednisolon-17-ethyl-carbonate-21-propionate.

8 ~~13.~~ A compound as in Claim 1 ~~6~~ which is prednisolon-17-ethyl-carbonate-21-acetate.

9 ~~14.~~ A compound as in Claim 1 ~~6~~ which is prednisolon-17-n-propyl-carbonate-21-propionate.

10 ~~15.~~ A compound as in Claim 1 ~~6~~ which is prednisolon-17-n-propyl-carbonate-21-acetate.

11 ~~16.~~ A compound as in Claim 1 ~~6~~ which is cortisol-17-ethyl-carbonate-21-propionate.

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~~17.~~ A compound as in Claim 2 which is cortisol-17-n-propyl-carbonate-21-propionate.

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~~18.~~ A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of inflammatory dermatosis which comprises an effective amount of a compound as in Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier therefor.

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~~19.~~ The method of treating inflammatory dermatosis in a human or animal suffering therefrom which method comprises locally or topically administering an effective amount of a compound as in Claim 1.

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~~20.~~ A method for making a compound selected from the group consisting of compounds of the formula

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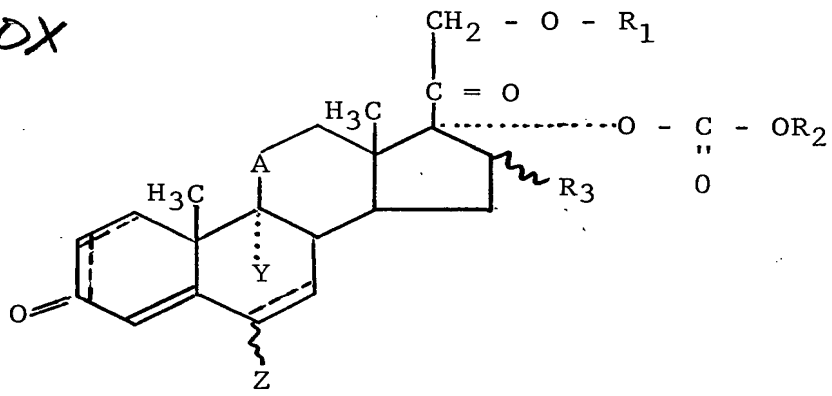

and compounds of the formula

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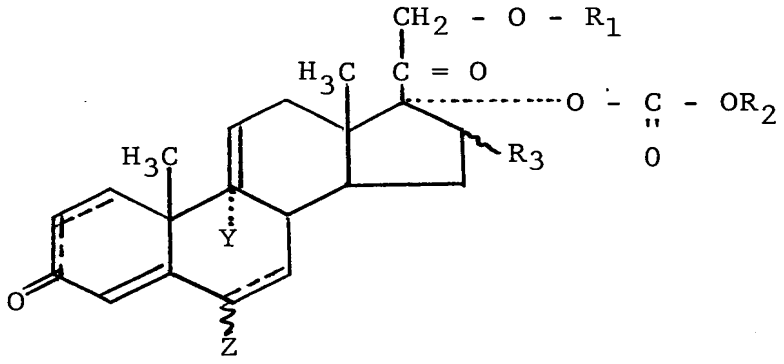


wherein

A is C...H, C.....H, C...OH, or C = O;

Y is hydrogen, fluorine, or methyl;

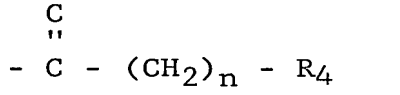
Z is hydrogen, chlorine, fluorine, or methyl

R_3 is hydrogen, fluorine, α-methyl, monofluoromethyl, or difluoromethyl;

R_2 is alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms; and

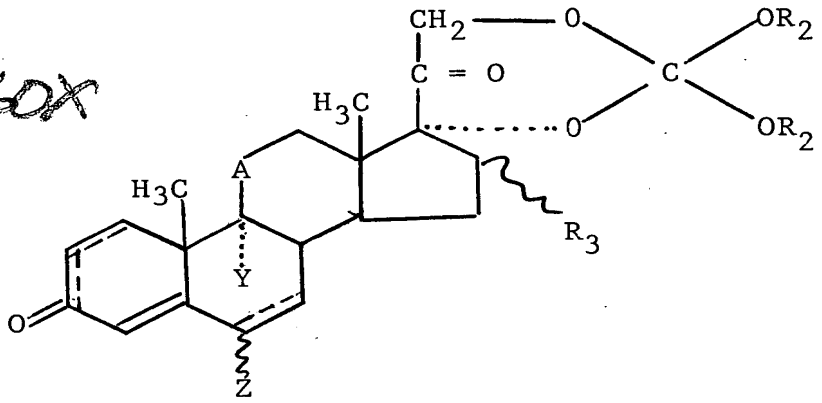
R_1 is acyl of the formula

T1451X



wherein R_4 is hydrogen, alkyl having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, or cycloalkyl having 3 to 8 carbon atoms and n is a number from 0 to 4, which method comprises hydrolyzing with weak acid a corticosteroid 17, 21-(dialkyl-orthocarbonate) of the formula

T1460X



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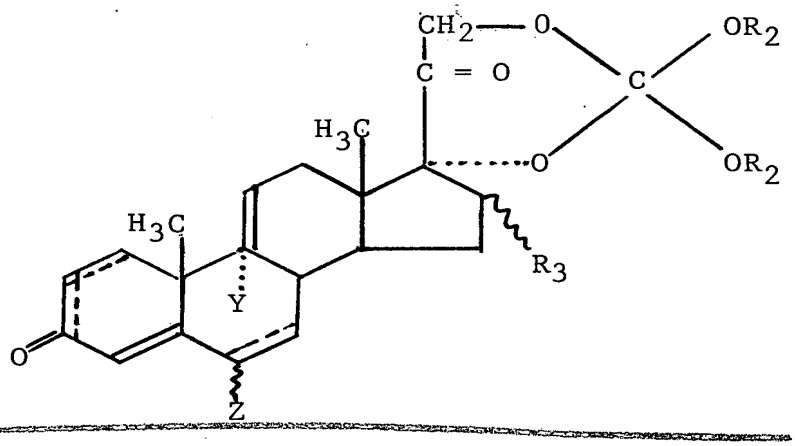

respectively, to form the corresponding 17-(monoalkyl carbonate)-21-hydroxy compound, and then esterifying the 21-hydroxy group by reaction thereof with a halide or anhydride of a carboxylic acid of the formula

T1461X

$$R_4 - (CH_2)_n - \overset{O}{\overset{\|}{C}} - OH$$

16 ~~21~~. A method as in Claim 15 ~~20~~ wherein

T1470X A is $\begin{matrix} H \\ | \\ C...OH \end{matrix}$ or $\begin{matrix} OH \\ | \\ C....H \end{matrix}$ and the hydroxy group thereof is then oxidized to a keto group.

17 ~~22~~. A method for making a compound selected from the group consisting of the compounds of the formula

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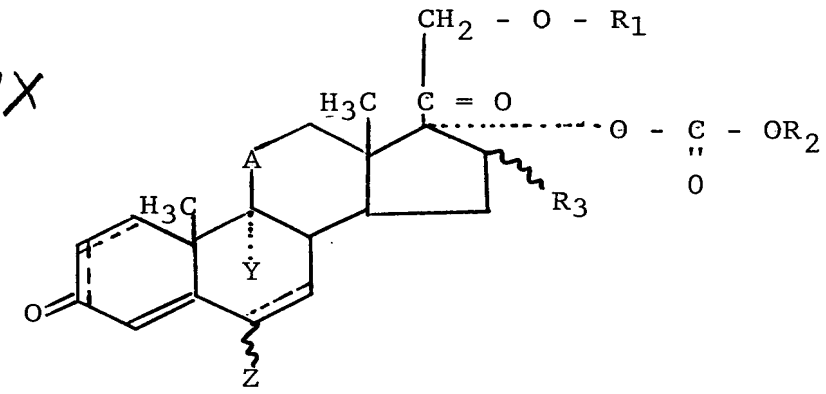

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and compounds of the formula

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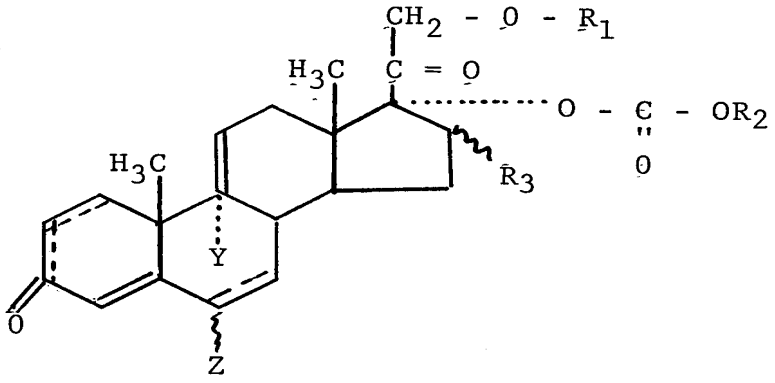

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wherein

A is C(H)H, C(OH)H, C(H)OH, or C = O;

Y is hydrogen, fluorine, or methyl;

Z is hydrogen, chlorine, fluorine, or methyl

R_3 is hydrogen, fluorine, α-methyl, monofluoromethyl, or difluoromethyl;

R_2 is alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms; and

R_1 is carbonyloxyalkyl of the formula

T1480X

$$-C(=O)-O-(CH_2)_n-R_4$$

wherein n is 0 or 1 and R_4 is hydrogen, alkyl having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, or cycloalkyl having 3 to 8 carbon atoms except that R_4 is other than hydrogen if n is 0, which method comprises hydrolyzing with weak acid a corticosteroid 17, 21-(dialkyl-orthocarbonate) of the formula

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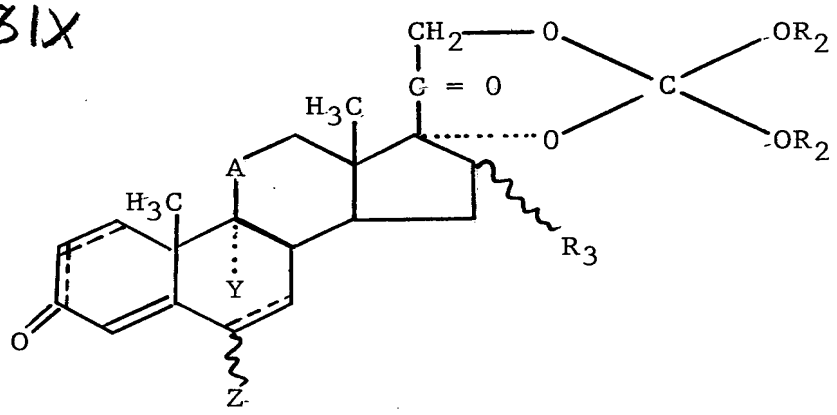

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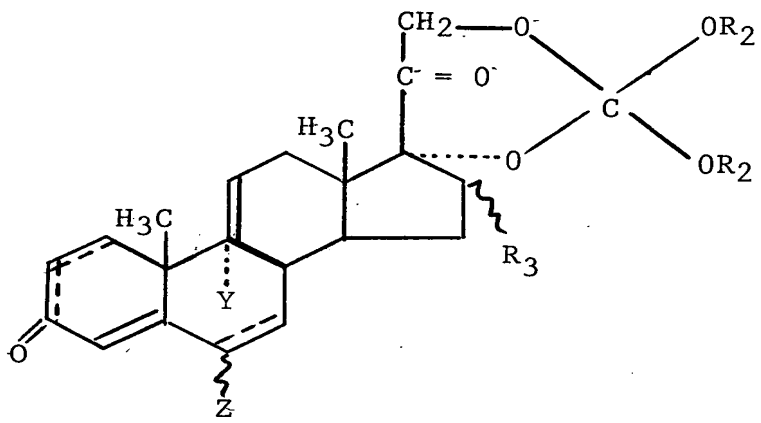

respectively, to form the corresponding 17-(monoalkyl carbonate)-21-hydroxy compound, and then esterifying the 21-hydroxy group by reaction thereof with a halogenoformate of the formula

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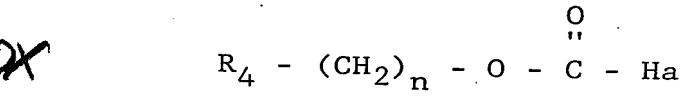


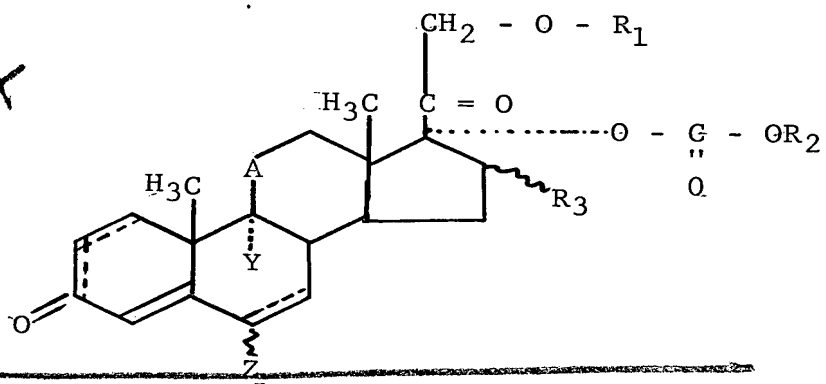
~~23.~~ 18. A method as in ~~claim 22~~ claim 17 wherein

T1491X

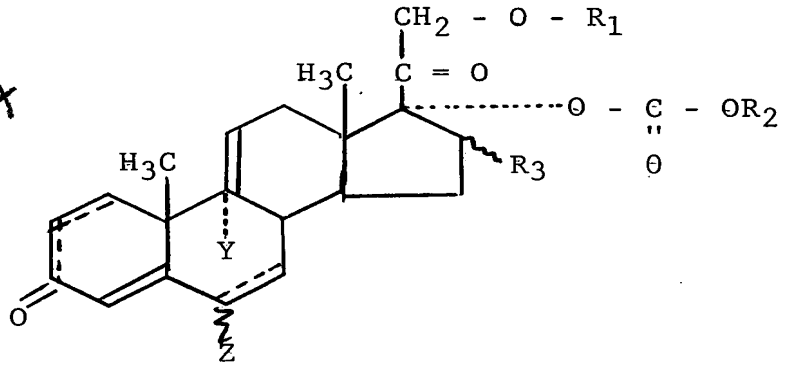
A is C...H OH or C...OH H and the hydroxy group thereof is then oxidized to a keto group.

~~24.~~ 19. A method for making a compound selected from the group consisting of compounds of the formula

T1492X



and compounds of the formula



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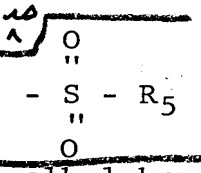

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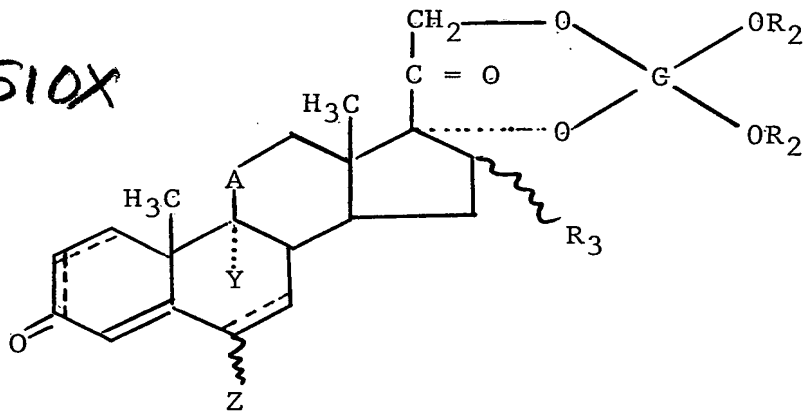

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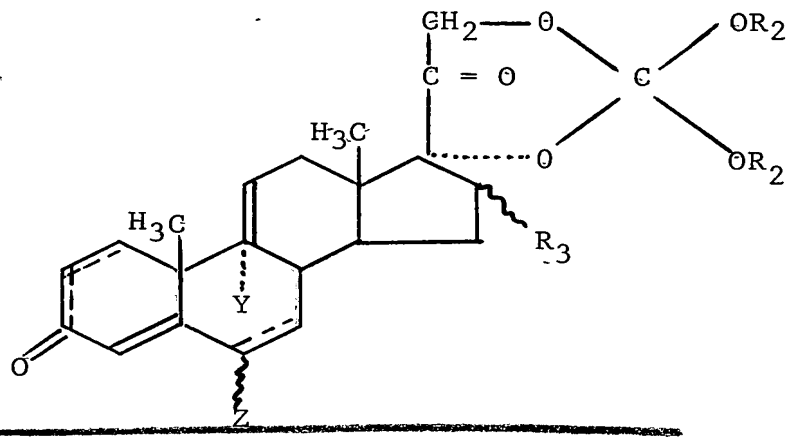

respectively, to form the corresponding 17-(monoalkyl carbonate)-21-hydroxy compound, and then esterifying the 21-hydroxy group by reaction thereof with a sulfonic acid halide of the formula

T1511X

$$R_5 - \overset{\overset{O}{\|}}{\underset{\underset{O}{\|}}{S}} - \text{Halogen.}$$